

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for configuration control and power management through special signaling is provided. In one embodiment, a computer system may include a processor and a plurality of devices that may act as a source device, a destination device, or both. A particular source device may be configured for communications with a destination device. The source device may further be configured to violate one or more known communications rules when communicating the with the destination device. The destination device may be configured to detect the violation. The violation of a known communications rule by the source device may indicate a pending change of state in the computer system, or that a change of state has occurred.

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